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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 26, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 16-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Examiner acknowledges the amendments made on the claims received on May 26, 2005. Claim 16 has been amended and claims 15 and 23-30 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 1 is generic and allowable. Accordingly, the restriction requirement as to the encompassed species is hereby withdrawn and claims 6-14, directed to the species of Fig. 2 and claims 18-22, directed to the species of Figs. 6 and 7 are no longer withdrawn from consideration since all of the claims to this species depend from or otherwise include each of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

1. **Claims 1-14 and 16-22** are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1 and 16, the primary reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art or a combination of prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest a memory for storing imaging array data and clocking signals at a rate determined by the clocking signals.

Lee, US Patent 6,721,008 B2 discloses an integrated semiconductor imaging circuit (Fig. 3) (Fig. 3) for use with an electronic processing system comprising: an imaging array sensor (Fig. 3: 12) having an array of sensing pixels and an array address generator (Fig. 3: 16) integrated on a die (Fig. 3: 10); a circuit for controlling the transfer of the data from the memory at a rate determined by the processor system, and an interface (Fig. 3: 89) integrated on the die for receiving data from the imaging array sensor as determined by the imaging array sensor and adapted to transfer the data to

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the electronic processing system (Fig. 3: 80) as determined by the electronic processing system (Col. 4, line 66 – col. 5, line 57). The interface transferring the data to the electronic processing system is inherently taught by Lee since the processing system (Fig. 3: 80) works at a predetermined rate.

Li, US Patent 6,833,862 B1 teaches an imaging circuit (Fig. 2) comprising a sensor array (Fig. 2: 12), a bus interface (Fig. 2: 54) with a data bus (Fig. 2: 20) for transmitting data to a processing system (Fig. 2: 18) (Col. 2, lines 32-64; col. 3, lines 13-21).

However, the teaching of Lee and Li either alone or in combination fails to teach or reasonably suggest a memory for storing imaging array data and clocking signals at a rate determined by the clocking signals.

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson D. Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7311. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

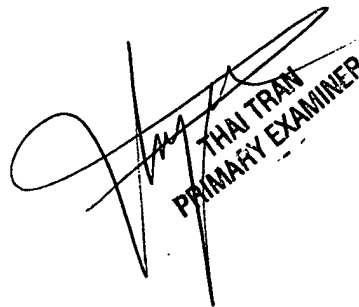
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on (571) 272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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